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STATUS INQUIRY

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Transmittal Letter to the US Designated/Elected Office for filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371; English language translation of application (46 pages); 7 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-7I); Cover page of PCT Publication No. WO 2005/104200 with International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210); Forms PCT/IB/304, and PCT/IB/306; executed Declaration/Power of Attorney; Assignment Recordation Cover Steet and Edebyed Assignment; Information Disclosure Statement, PTO /orm 1449 and freed documents; and check for \$1940

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